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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

HOLLYWOOD PARK RACING ASSOCIATION

Hollywood Park

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For the period: Wednesday, December 10, 2008 through Sunday, December 14, 2008.

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MINUTES – SEVENTH WEEK of HOLLYWOOD PARK AUTUMN MEETING

WEDNESDAY

12/10/08¹

CAL-BRED REPORT

There are no California-Bred races scheduled for today.

12/10/08²

DANNY SMITH JOHNSON RULING

HRTH #019

Trainer **DANNY SMITH JOHNSON**, having settled his debt to Southern California Equine, is restored to good standing. DMTD #11, issued at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on July 23, 2007, is set aside.

The ruling listed above was issued after documentation was provided by Southern California Equine that Mr. Johnson has satisfied his financial obligation.

12/10/08³

MARTIN ZUNIGA RULING

The following ruling was issued upon confirmation that Mr. Zuniga had resolved his debt to trainer Cesar Alcala.

HRT# #020

Owner **MARTIN ZUNIGA**, having settled his debt to Cesar Alcala, is restored to good standing. HRT# #005, issued at Hollywood Park Racing Association on November 07, 2008, is set aside.

12/10/08⁴

SCIENTIFIC GAMES SCRATCH MISCUE

Negotiations were ongoing for several days with attorney B. Greg Cline, representing Scientific Games, concerning complaints brought against two of their employees. The complaint originated on November 14, 2008, regarding the inadvertent scratch of horse #6 in the eighth race at Los Alamitos, rather than horse #6 in the eighth race at Hollywood Park. Scientific Games did not dispute the basic facts of the investigation and admits that tote employee Theodore Rodriguez mistakenly entered the scratch when his terminal was active for Los Alamitos, not Hollywood Park. Mr. Cline, however, asserts that the second employee, Lance Ku, was not present in the tote room at the time of the incident and was in fact off duty.

In deliberating this matter, the Stewards took into consideration that the error was corrected in approximately 21 seconds; only two complaints were received from patrons whose minor refunds were handled promptly; and both Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Ku have clean records. The following ruling reflects the Stewards' decision.

HRT# #021

Tote employee **THEODORE RODRIGUEZ** his fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – inadvertent error).

12/09/08⁵

LANCE KU –CASE #08LA0224 (ref 12/10/08⁴)

The above referenced complaint was dismissed due to the lack of evidence in the culpability of Mr. Ku in the Scientific Games mishap.

12/09/08⁶

STACY YOUNG FINANCIALS – CASES #08HP103, 08HP104, 08HP105

Trainer Stacy Young was in as directed to respond in an informal manner to three separate financial complaints from stable personnel. The first case was resolved with an agreed \$100 payment to exercise rider Patricia Lagden for ponying horses. The second agreement amounted to \$150 in favor of groom Elias Aceves for employment as a night watchman. There was a stalemate regarding the third issue alleging unpaid salary to groom Alberto Torres in the amount of \$550. This was basically a he said-she said scenario which could not be resolved in the time constraints of this hearing. Further testimony and negotiations will hopefully satisfy this complaint. More to follow.

12/09/08⁷

WEDNESDAY RACING

This afternoon's racing program was conducted without incident.

12/10/08⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Justlikeacitygirl (Tr. W. Ward) veterinarian, unsound –Dr. Bailey
Refund \$813.58; Minus Pool \$194.94

2nd Race #6 Beau Gris (Tr. V. Cerin) veterinarian, unsound post parade –Dr. Bailey
Refund \$57,241.41

4th Race #1 Joe'sgirlisgolden (Tr. J. Periban) jockey V. Espinoza replaced D. Flores
(transportation problem)

5th Race #1 Magic Roberta (Tr. P.H. Lobo) jockey R. Bejarano replaced D. Flores

8th Race #6 Mystic Seaport (Tr. J. Orman) veterinarian, injured – Dr. Connor
Refund \$1,404.30

12/10/08⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,637	703,038.00
Satellites	5,542	2,081,056.10
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	679,019.50
Out –of-State	n/a	3,274,076.22
Total	8,179	6,737,189.82

THURSDAY

12/11/08¹

CAL-BRED REPORT

There are three races on today's card for California-Bred horses. The second race is a one mile turf affair for maiden allowance fillies and mares. The third and sixth races are split divisions of a \$40,000 maiden claiming sprint at five and one half furlongs for two year old fillies.

12/11/08²

JOCKEY KIEREN FALLON IN

Irish jockey Kieren Fallon presented himself to the Hollywood Park Stewards to discuss his desire to obtain an exercise rider license. Mr. Fallon is currently under suspension in France for substance abuse issues. The jockey presented a letter from the French Jockey Club detailing his circumstances, which is being translated to English. Mr. Fallon states he is not permitted to ride races in France and the U.K., but is allowed to exercise horses there. Upon review of the translated letter, if all facts support the rider's claim, the Stewards will not have a problem approving the exercise rider license.

12/11/08³

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT TRAINERS LICENSE

Edwin Alvarez was in to see the Stewards for approval of his license as Assistant Trainer to Gary Sherlock. Associate Steward Luis Jauregui confirmed that Mr. Alvarez had passed both the oral and written exams, as well as the medication rules test given by Racing Veterinarian Dr. Tim Connor.

12/11/08⁴

MR. SMITH COMES TO HOLLYWOOD

California Horse Racing Board Assistant Executive Director Richard "Bon" Smith visited with the Hollywood Park Stewards this morning. Mr. Smith was also a guest in the Stewards stand during the afternoon racing, and topics of a various nature were discussed.

12/11/08⁵

ACCIDENT 7TH RACE (One & one sixteenth miles, Cushion) – LATE SCRATCH

During the gate load #3 Antique Avenue (jockey A. Gryder) hit the starting gate with his head and was injured, necessitating a late scratch. There was a slight delay to the start as Track Veterinarian Dr. Jill Bailey attended to the fallen horse, who was down in front of the starting gate in a semi-conscious, disoriented state. The horse regained his footing, and the horse ambulance transported him back to the stable area.

12/11/08⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #6 Hoist the Sail – Claimed, Tr. J. Sadler
- 2nd Race #7 Sweet October (Tr. L. Cenicola) veterinarian, unsound – Dr. Connor
Refund \$3,809.62
- 4th Race #1 Forty Dates (Tr. D. O'Neill) veterinarian, unsound – Dr. Connor
#2 Righteously (Tr. J. Ivory) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Bailey
#7 F X Cat (Tr. J. Periban) veterinarian, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$2,270.28
- 6th Race #4 Gone Punk (Tr. D. O'Neill) veterinarian, sick -Dr. Connor
#5 Jaylo's Mark (Tr. J. Mullins) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Bailey
Refund 2,495.94
- 7th Race #1 Ritz Café (Tr. M. Polanco) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Connor
#3 Antique Avenue (Tr. T.R. Bell) veterinarian, injured gate – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$134,133.49
- 8th Race #3 Troublethreethree –Claimed, Tr. L. Powell
#7 Happy Crafty (Tr. H. Ho) veterinarian, injured paddock –Dr. Bailey
Refund \$7,503.91

12/11/08⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,817	660,976.50
Satellites	5,133	1,805,790.90
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	617,511.30
Out –of-State	n/a	3,407,098.46
Total	7,950	\$6,491,377.16

FRIDAY

12/12/08¹

CAL-BRED REPORT

Friday's first race drew five Cal-Bred maiden fillies and mares to go six furlongs. The second event at one mile on the turf attracted six fillies and mares with the following conditions: non winners of \$7,500 other than maiden or claiming, or never won two, or \$25,000 claiming.

12/12/08²

GARCIA RULING (ref 12/07/08¹)

The following ruling was given to jockey Alejandro Garcia after due deliberation on his hearing concerning the possession of an electrical device. Mr. Garcia was contrite and understood the gravity of his offense when the penalty was given to him.

HRTH #022

Jockey **ALEJANDRO GARCIA** is hereby suspended for one (1) year from December 22, 2008 through December 21, 2009, for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1890 (Possession of Contraband), #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) and #1874 (4) (Disorderly Conduct).

During the term of this suspension all licenses and license privileges of Alejandro Garcia are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) Mr. Garcia is denied access to all premises within this jurisdiction.

12/12/08³

KIEREN FALLON – FITNESS FOR LICENSE HEARING (ref 12/11/08²)

Jockey Kieren Fallon was in the office for an informal fitness for license hearing as a follow up to his appearance yesterday. The Stewards had received a faxed letter from the Head of Licensing and Horses Department of France Galop, confirming that Mr. Fallon is not prohibited from exercising horses. Therefore, the request for licensure was granted, with the stipulations and guidelines outlined in the following ruling:

HRTH #023

KIEREN FALLON, having appeared for an informal fitness for license hearing, has been approved for an exercise rider license. In addition, Mr. Fallon must sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, be evaluated by and comply with any guidelines set forth by the Winner's Foundation.

12/12/08⁴

MAG PEREZ – CASE #08SA090

The above referenced financial complaint was dismissed due to the fact that it was incorrectly filed.

12/12/08⁵

RACING PROGRAM

Today's racing was completed without problems

12/12/08⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race #1 Lupita'sluckyangel – Claimed, Tr. W.E. Morey

5th Race #3 Good Newsman – Claimed, Tr. D. Hendricks
#8 Impregnable (Tr. M. Pender) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$608.80

6th Race #5 Missoula (Tr. J. Carava) veterinarian, sick –Dr. Connor
#6 No Ka Oi –Claimed, Tr. S. Knapp
Refund \$1,168.44

12/12/08⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,464	671,952.10
Satellites	4,560	1,809,260.90
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	683,750.60
Out –of-State	n/a	4,180,204.89
Total	7,024	\$7,345,168.49

SATURDAY

12/13/08¹

CAL-BRED REPORT

The racing program for today offers no races exclusively for California Breds.

12/13/08²

JOCKEY DAVID FLORES APPEARS

David Flores was in as requested by the Stewards to explain his absence on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, while named on two mounts. Mr. Flores had been in Las Vegas to attend the Jockey's Guild Meeting, and while driving back encountered a major traffic

delay caused by construction on I -15. He did phone the Stewards during this episode to advise his status, stating he was trying to make the races. The excuse offered was deemed plausible by the Stewards, and the jockey was warned to allow sufficient time in the future.

12/13/08³

VICTOR GARCIA HEARING – CASE #08HP114

Trainer Victor Garcia appeared for an informal hearing to address a complaint concerning “Mont LaSalle”, a first time gelding incorrectly noted on the program of November 28th as a colt. In Mr. Garcia’s defense, he stated that he noted the horse as a gelding on the entry form, and was not advised of any discrepancy by the racing office. Additionally, the horse was actually gelded when trained by his father, Juan Garcia. Despite these circumstances, the Stewards advised the trainer that he was responsible for instructing the Clerk of the Course to make the appropriate changes to the registration papers. Therefore, the following ruling was issued:

HRTH Ruling #024

Trainer **VICTOR GARCIA** is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse “Mont La Salle”, which ran in the seventh race at Hollywood Park Race Track on November 28, 2008. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

12/13/08⁴

HOLLYWOOD STARLET

Today’s feature was the 28th running of the “Hollywood Starlet”, Grade I for two year old fillies at 1 1/16 miles on the cushion track for a purse of \$429,500. The wire to wire winner was “Laragh”, racing in the colors of IEAH Stables and patiently handled by veteran jockey Edgar Prado for trainer John Terranova II.

12/13/08⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

3rd Race #1 Silent Kitten (Tr. J. Sadler) broke down 1/16 pole, vanned off, euthanized

4th Race #2 Le Cirque (Tr. B. Greely) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Bailey
#3 Lullabytime (Tr. M. Machowsky) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$4,158.80

5th Race #1 Tempting Treasures (Tr. J. Hernandez Sr.) jockey A. Delgadillo sick, no replacement available –Stewards
#9 Trino (Tr. S.M. Lee) lame past wire, vanned off
Refund \$2,856.30

6th Race #2 Winning Vow (Tr. J. Metz) jockey M. Garcia replaced G. Olguin (injured)

8th Race #1 Icemancometh – Claimed, Tr. J. Sadler

10th Race #7 Santi’s Girl (Tr. S. Gonzalez) jockey K. Stra replaced A. Delgadillo
#8 Kindred Creek (Tr. S. Shulman) jockey M. Garcia sick, no replacement available, Stewards
Refund \$7,730.42

12/13/08⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,417	1,576,818.60
Satellites	8,155	3,591,951.00
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,423,890.00
Out –of-State	n/a	6,344,033.56
Total	13,572	12,936,693.16

SUNDAY12/14/08¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The eighth race today is the “On Trust” Handicap, a \$75,000 added event for California-Bred three year olds an upward, at seven and one half furlongs on the cushion track. A field of seven participated. The ninth race is a maiden \$40,000 claiming affair for state bred two year olds going six furlongs on cushion, with thirteen runners scheduled to go postward.

12/14/08²**STEWARDS OFFICE**

Only routine matters were addressed in the Stewards office this morning.

12/14/08³**INQUIRY, EIGHTH RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the finish of the “On Trust Handicap” to look at an incident just past the 3/16 pole where #7 “Star Nicholas” (1st M. Baze) comes in slightly, narrowing the space #2 “Partywithlarryz” (2nd R. Bejarano) is trying to go through. After a thorough review of the tapes, discussion with the patrol judges and riders involved, the Stewards determined that no foul was made and #2 was not compromised. It appeared that Mr. Bejarano’s mount just did not want to go in between his rivals, therefore went around. The original order of finish was made official.

12/14/08⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

4th Race #5 Higher Point (Tr. S. Gonzalez) jockey A. Delgadillo replaced G. Olguin (injured)

6th Race #4 Justaboutperfect (Tr. J. R. Coleman) veterinarian, sick –Dr. Bailey
Refund \$1,904.70

7th Race #3 Mystical Woman (Tr. N. Drysdale) veterinarian, injured – Dr. Bell
#6 Scibelli (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) veterinarian, injured –Dr. Bailey
Refund \$8,832.70

8th Race #1 Bahama Breeze (Tr. S. Miyadi) stake, Stewards
#4 Unusual Suspect (Tr. B. Abrams) stake, Stewards
Refund \$4,777.60

9th Race #1 Asti (Tr. M.F. Jones) jockey A. Quinonez replaced A. Gryder (injured)

12/14/08⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,234	1,229,433.50
Satellites	7,213	2,773,299.80
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,166,532.30
Out –of-State	n/a	4,338,211.05
Total	12,447	\$9,507,476.65

Additions/Removals from Vet List

Week of: 12-08-08 – 12-14-08

Track: Hollywood

Horses on Vet List: 23

Horses off Vet List: 13

Shockwave Therapy: 27

Deceased: 03

Medication: 12

SUMMARY

	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14		Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0		0	5
Cal-Bred Races	0	2	2	0	2		6	37
Claims	0	2	3	1	0		6	52
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0		0	3
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	1		1	13
Refunds	3	5	2	3	3		16	89
Rulings	3	0	2	1	0		6	24

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Winick, Steward

Albert Christiansen, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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